

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE - Betty Gosney, Jacqueline Cox, Lynda Gonzalez, Gregory Ware

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jacqueline Cox motioned to approve the minutes for the May 2011 meeting and Greg Ware seconded the motion.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Interstate 10 - Timothy Watkins, SANBAG

Mr. Watkins gave an update on the I-10 Riverside Interchange project. He stated a consultant from Advantech was hired to work on signal timing at Cedar Ave. The current phase of the project was ¼ complete. Overall, the project was about 75% complete. Dave Soto asked why the open lane was not being used when construction crews were not working within the lane. Mr. Watkins needed to check with staff and requested he come back to all the MAC meetings until the completion of the project. Dave Smith, SANBAG engineer, and Mr. Watkins answered other questions from the residents.

Solid Waste Management, Olivia Sanchez

Ms. Sanchez gave an informative presentation on mandatory commercial recycling for businesses. She wanted to ensure the community had access to recycling centers and information due to proposed regulation. She answered questions from the audience and provided brochures.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Maggie Finneran

Overall, the area has been moderate to quiet. She stated it was difficult to solve home burglary cases because there usually is not much evidence left behind to catch the burglars. She suggested residents should lock their doors and windows and report suspicious activity. Gregory Ware's home was broken into. Regarding the Bloomington High School fire, students who were recently expelled may be possible suspects. The Arson Division was still investigating the case.

b. California Highway Patrol – Officer Steve Robinson

Officer Robinson stated he has been coordinating with the County and Avantech on street light phasing for Cedar Ave. & Valley Blvd. He commented on how patrol cars are ineffective at patrolling busy streets. A motorcycle is much more effective. He answered questions from audience.

c. Chief Munsy – San Bernardino County Fire

Chief Munsy provided an update to the Bloomington High School fire. He spoke with investigators and suspects names should be coming out soon. There was a fire at San Bernardino and Cedar Ave. The smoke alarm performed like it should by giving a resident time to exit the structure safely.

d. Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

- Ms. Vasquez wanted to present Andrew Holmes with a certificate of recognition but he was not in attendance due to a choir concert. To her knowledge, the Bloomington MAC is the only MAC that has a youth member.
- She announced the Press Enterprise had a nicely written article on Bloomington High School and their students.
- She commended David Soto for being selected “Veteran of the Year” for the Assemblymember Wilmer Amina Cater’s 62nd District. He was honored on May 12 and is scheduled to be honored again in Sacramento on June 22.
- Ms. Vasquez presented Lynda Gonzales with a certificate for being named “Democrat of the Year”.
- She gave code enforcement phone numbers.
TRADITIONAL CODE ENFORCEMENT: (909 884-4056)
FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT: (909 387-4044)
PACE: (909 884-4056)
- Ms. Vasquez provided the residents with safety related radio stations: Emergency Alert Radio Station for the Valley region- KFRG 95.1 FM; and Caltrans Radio Information- 1620 AM.
- Ms. Vasquez provided residents with handouts regarding the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Thurs., June 9 at 1:00 p.m., which will provide direction to the County Administrative Office regarding policy issues for the 2011-12 Recommended Budget.
- Ms. Vasquez provided residents with handouts on the Public Input Hearing, Citizens Redistricting Commission, Sunday June 19, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the County Govt. Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.
- Ms. Vasquez thanked the residents and the MAC for their hospitality. She announced Supervisor Gonzales implemented staff cuts due to budget cuts, which included herself and Alex Carballo. These staff reductions had to be done to maintain the County’s fiscal integrity. She stated the Bloomington MAC was part of the solution because it was an excellent and helpful council. Ms. Vasquez also provided handouts for the residents regarding Supervisor Gonzales’ reforms.
- After Ms. Vasquez concluded her report, MAC Member Lynda Gonzalez commented that the Bloomington Women’s Club was thinking of disbanding, but they decided to come back and continue their club. They have been around since 1920. On behalf of the Bloomington Women’s Club, Ms. Lynda Gonzalez presented framed certificates to Ms. Frances Vasquez and Mr. Alex Carballo.

e. Tim Millington – Special Districts

Mr. Millington provided an update to the grant application for additional improvements for the multipurpose field at Kessler Park. Originally, the county was not selected for the grant. However, there is now a second round and Special Districts will be resubmitting their application in July. Construction was delayed one week for the roadway improvements along Kessler Park. For protection and transitional use, rod iron gates have been installed at the Old Fire Station.

YOUTH MEMBER REPORT None

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Rialto Commerce Center Subcommittee Report – Adrian McDaniel/Gregory Ware
An update will be provided in July's MAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bloomington High School Disaster Benefit Subcommittee Formation
Member Lynda Gonzalez motioned to approve the subcommittee formation Member Jacqueline Cox seconded the motion. In order for the community to participate, it will be added to July's agenda.
- b. Transportation Subcommittee Formation
This was proposed by Member Lynda Gonzalez to deal with all transportation issues and meet with County Public Works. Member Lynda Gonzalez motioned to approve the subcommittee formation and Member Gregory Ware seconded the motion.

MEMBER REPORTS

Jacqueline Cox stated Ms. Vasquez will be missed.

Gregory Ware commented he will have more free time to get more involved with the needs of the community and to improve the quality of life in Bloomington.

Lynda Gonzalez asked the audience if they knew of women who would be interested in joining the Bloomington Woman's Club. She also stated Ms. Vasquez and Mr. Carballo will be missed.

Betty Gosney announced the Rialto Rotary Club will be hosting a car show during the weekend and will be selling breakfast burritos. She invited the community to attend and to support the Bloomington Booster Club's booth.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

See New and Old Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Davenport mentioned Alexia King from Sunshine Gardens was awarded "Business of the Year" from Senator Negrete's office. He wanted to know when the road pavers will finish their work on Santa Ana Ave. There are water mains four inches off the road and the approach to the side streets are also not completed. He announced the Horse Club will have a show on the June 25th and invited the community to attend.

Jason Buckner congratulated Mr. Soto for his award. He sent his best wishes to Ms. Vasquez and Mr. Carballo. He recently graduated from USC. Two students from Bloomington will be attending USC. Assemblymember Carter was very dismayed to hear about the Bloomington High School fire. She helped sponsor a grant for Bloomington High School back in March to add facilities to the Library. Some of the technology was lost in the fire. Her foundation is working with the Bloomington High School to restore their technology. They are sponsoring a golf tournament on June 24. He commented on needing nominations for the 30 under 30 awards. He also provided brochures for students who need college scholarships.

NEXT MEETING – July 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN MEETING -- The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.